



C-RAD Canine Evaluation Process

Purpose

This document establishes the new standard for C-RAD Canine evaluations. It replaces all prior standards as of January 2026. Current certifications remain valid until expiration; re-testing under this new standard will only occur upon renewal. No deviations to previous standards will be permitted.

Evaluation Guidelines

1. Test Site

- The same site shall be used on the designated test day.
- Site shall not have been used prior for training
- The same survivor holes will be used for each test.
- The site is 100meters x 100meters
- Site Boundaries shall be obvious and well-marked
- Slope SHALL not exceed 25 degrees on average
- Survivors shall be in for a minimum of 20 minutes
- Holes shall be made 24 hours in advance

2. Survivor Placement

- Minimum number of survivors: **1**
- Maximum number of survivors: **4**

3. Pre-Test Verification

- A certified canine shall run the test prior to the evaluation to confirm proper setup.

4. Handler Requirements

- Before starting, the handler will inform evaluators of their canine's trained final response.
- When the canine begins its trained final response, the handler shall:
 - Notify the evaluator that the canine is alerting.
 - Call the area of the alert, place a marker at the alert and restart or state you're ending the test.

5. Prohibited Actions

- Daylighting, probing, and shoveling are **not allowed** during the test.

6. **Time Limit**

- Teams have **20 minutes** to complete the search and mark locations.
- Evaluator will provide time updates at:
 - 10 minutes in
 - 5 minutes left
 - 1 minute left
- No penalty for finishing early; **no time extensions allowed**.
- If a canine or handler injury occurs, the clock **does not stop**.

7. **Disputes**

- If a handler disputes the test result, they must submit a written appeal to the Chief Evaluator within **48 hours**.

8. **Authority**

- The Chief Evaluator has the **final say** on all test outcomes.

9. **Certification & Documentation**

- Upon successful completion:
 - The team receives certification.
 - Score sheets are submitted electronically to:
 - The handler
 - Canine Coordinator
 - Program Manager
- If unsuccessful:
 - Score sheets are still submitted electronically to the same parties.